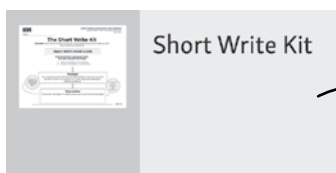




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Drama , pp. 18-23 <i>The Fall of the House of Usher</i>	Students will love performing this ultra creepy play based on the classic short story by Edgar Allan Poe.	Featured Skill: Author’s Craft CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1	 Audio: Vocabulary  Podcast: The Science of Fear  Video: The Amazing Life of Edgar Allan Poe	• Featured Skill: Author’s Craft • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
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